

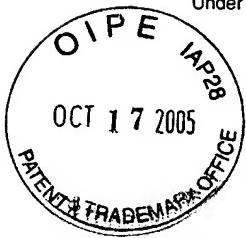
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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

<i>Application Number</i>	<b>10/066,167</b>
<i>Filing Date</i>	<b>January 31, 2002</b>
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	<b>Boler et al.</b>
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	<b>2676</b>
<i>Examiner Name</i>	<b>Anthony J. Blackman</b>
<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	<b>MICR0259</b>

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)

- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Request for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the Final Office Action dated June 21, 2005, set to expire on September 21, 2005, be extended by 1 month(s) to expire on October 21, 2005. The \$120 large entity fee is enclosed herewith in the check noted below.

4. Request for Constructive Petition for Extension of Time

It is requested that any concurrent or future reply submitted in the present application requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) for timely submission be treated as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. It is also requested that any additional required fees under § 1.17, including all required extension of time fees, be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-1940, thereby constructively petitioning for any necessary extension of time to maintain the present application in a pending state.

5. Claim Status

Computation of Fee For Claims as Submitted for filing in RCE					
	<u>Claims Remaining after Preliminary Amendment Submitted Herewith (if any)</u>	<u>Highest Number of Claims Previously Paid For</u>	<u>Number of Extra Claims</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Total Claims	37	37	-0-	x \$50	\$-0-
Independent Claims	6	6	-0-	x \$200	<u>-0-</u>
ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE					0
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE					120
RCE FEE					790
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS RCE SUBMISSION					\$ <u>910</u>

6. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-1940.

- i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii.  Any additional required fees
- iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check No. 8574 in the amount of \$910 is enclosed, which includes all the fees as noted above.

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

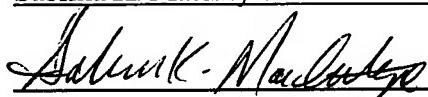
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Typed/Printed Name Sabrina K. MacIntyre

Registration Number: 56,912

Signature



Date: October 17, 2005

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Date of Deposit: October 17, 2005

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